# Mountain Weather Forecast

## Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 10 Mar 2022 until 23:59 on Friday 11 Mar 2022

Forecast Issued on Thursday 10 Mar 2022 at 02:27 by Met Office Aberdeen

**Confidence:** High for generally poor conditions Thursday morning, improving in the afternoon, but a couple of hours uncertainty in timing of improvements. Moderate for Friday and Saturday, main uncertainty in timing and extent of any heavier rain on Friday, and showers on Saturday. Low for Sunday and Monday.

**Headline for Thursday 10 Mar 2022:** Low cloud and drizzle in the morning, dry with some sunshine in the afternoon. Cold with summit gales.

**Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 10 Mar 2022**

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|---|---|---|
| **Blizzards**<br>No Likelihood | **Heavy persistent snow**<br>No Likelihood | **Storm force winds**<br>No Likelihood |
| **Gales**<br>High Likelihood | **Severe chill effect**<br>High Likelihood | **Poor visibility**<br>Medium Likelihood |
| **Thunderstorms**<br>No Likelihood | **Heavy persistent rain**<br>No Likelihood | **Strong sunlight**<br>No Likelihood |

| **Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m** | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Time | | | | | |
| 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 |
| | | | | | |
| Light rain | Drizzle | Drizzle | Cloudy | Partly cloudy (night) | Partly cloudy (night) |
| Precipitation probability | | | | | |
| 80% | 80% | 70% | 30% | 10% | 20% |

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**Weather:** Extensive hill fog and patchy light drizzle through the morning, some wet snow on the higher summits. Turning dry by mid-afternoon with cloud lifting and breaking giving some sunshine in the afternoon, initially in the west but also further east by late-afternoon. Clear spells to start the night, but cloud may increase in the east, perhaps giving some showery rain towards midnight.

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m:** 10% in the morning, 80-90% by mid-afternoon in west and late-afternoon in east.

**Low Cloud and visibility:** Very poor with extensive cloud down to 400m in the morning. Becoming good by early to mid-afternoon in west and late-afternoon in east, with cloud lifting and breaking to leave summits largely clear of cloud.

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**Forecast for Thursday 10 Mar 2022**

| Height (m) | Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from) | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **1300** | 38/46 SE | 41/52 S | 37/47 S | 30/39 S | 36/47 S | 41/54 S | 48/63 SE |
| **900** | 24/32 SE | 28/38 S | 24/34 S | 20/28 S | 27/37 S | 31/44 S | 31/44 SE |
| **600** | 20/25 S | 38/47 S | 30/38 S | 23/32 SW | 37/48 S | 38/50 S | 40/53 SE |
| **300** | 10/15 E | 18/27 SE | 17/26 S | 14/22 S | 18/29 S | 19/31 S | 22/34 SE |
| **Glen** | 4/9 E | 10/23 S | 11/24 S | 11/23 S | 14/30 S | 9/23 SE | 8/22 SE |

| Height (m) | Temperature / Feels Like (°C) | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1300** | 0/-8 | 0/-8 | 0/-8 | -1/-9 | -3/-13 | -4/-14 | -4/-14 |
| **900** | 1/-6 | 2/-5 | 3/-4 | 2/-5 | -0/-8 | -1/-9 | -2/-10 |
| **600** | 4/-1 | 5/-2 | 5/-1 | 4/-2 | 3/-4 | 2/-5 | 3/-4 |
| **300** | 5/2 | 7/2 | 7/3 | 6/2 | 5/0 | 4/-1 | 4/-2 |
| **Glen** | 5/4 | 8/6 | 9/6 | 7/4 | 6/2 | 5/2 | 5/2 |
| **Freezing Level*** | 1500m | 1500m | 1300m | 1000m | 700m | 600m | 600m |

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

**Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View**
Strong winds across the tops combined with rain, drizzle and sleet will give a notable chill effect. Very poor navigation conditions through the morning, improving in the afternoon, but note the lowering freezing level and strengthening summit gales.

**Forecast for Friday 11 Mar 2022**
**Weather:** Cloudy with showery outbreaks of rain, these occasionally heavy, some sleet or wet snow on the higher summits. Rain and summit snow turns more persistent in the evening. Severe gales for much of the day across summits.

**Maximum wind:** Southeast 45 mph gusting 60 mph, easing to 30 gusting 40-45 mph late evening.

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m:** 30%, best chance around midday. Falling to 10% or less in the evening

**Low Cloud and visibility:** Often very poor in cloud, bases around 800m, but lowering to 600m in showers. Cloud may lift to around 1000m at times, most likely midday and early afternoon. Cloud becoming persistent above 600m in the evening.

**Temperature:** **Glens:** Plus 4 Celsius rising to 9 or 10 Celsius.
**At 800m:** Plus 2 Celsius rising to 4 Celsius.
**Freezing level:** Just above the summits.

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